

Each organized county in the State, now or hereafter existing, shall be divided from time to time, for the convenience of the people, into justice precincts, not less than four and not more than twelve. The present county courts shall make the first division. Subsequent divisions shall be made by the commissioners' court provided for by this Constitution. In each such precinct there shall be elected, at each biennial election, one justice of the peace and one constable, each of whom shall hold his office for two years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified; provided, that in any precinct in which there may be a city of eight thousand or more inhabitants, there shall be elected two justices of the peace. Each county shall in like manner and in the first instance, be divided into four commissioners' precincts, in each of which there shall be elected by the qualified voters thereof one county commissioner, who shall hold his office for two years and until his successor shall be elected and qualified. *Subsequent divisions of a county into commissioners' precincts shall be made as is now or hereafter may be provided by law.* The county commissioners so chosen, with the county judge as presiding officer, shall compose the county commissioners' court, which shall exercise such powers and jurisdiction over all county business as is conferred by this Constitution and the laws of the State, or as may be hereafter prescribed.

SEC. 2. That the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars is hereby appropriated out of the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of defraying the necessary expense of submitting the above proposed amendment to the people of the State, at the next general or special election in the manner required by law, by the Governor of the State.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing act passed the Senate by the following vote, yeas 23, nays 3; and passed the House of Representatives by the following vote, yeas 113, nays 4.]

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF THE GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

S. J. R. No. 19.]      SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION.

Proposing an amendment to Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Sections 5 and 17 of said Article 4 so as to fix the compensation of the Governor at eight thousand (\$8000) dollars per annum in addition to the use of the Governor's mansion, fixtures and furniture, and the compensation of the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (\$2500) dollars per annum.

*Be it Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. That Section 5 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so as to provide that the Governor of the State shall receive as compensation for his services, an annual salary of eight thousand (\$8000) dollars and with the use and occupation of the Governor's mansion, fixtures and furniture, said Section 5 as amended, to read as follows:

Section 5. He shall, at stated times, receive as compensation for

his services an annual salary of eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars, and no more and shall have the use and occupation of the Governor's mansion, fixtures and furniture.

That Section 17 be so amended as to read as follows:

Section 17. If, during the vacancy in the office of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor should die, resign, refuse to serve or be removed from office or be unable to serve or if he shall be impeached or absent from the State, the President of the Senate, for the time being, shall in like manner administer the government until he shall be succeeded by a Governor or Lieutenant Governor. The Lieutenant Governor shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per year, and no more. During the time he administers the government as Governor, he shall receive in like manner the same compensation which the Governor would have received had he been employed in the duties of his office, and no more. The President of the Senate, for the time being, shall, during the time he administers the government, receive in like manner the same compensation which the Governor would have received, had he been employed in the duties of his office.

SEC. 2. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue and have published the necessary proclamation for the submission of this resolution to the qualified voters for members of the Legislature of the State of Texas, as an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, to be voted upon on the day of the next general election of the State of Texas, which will be held on the day fixed by law therefor. All persons favoring said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots as follows: "For the amendment to the Constitution fixing the salary of the Governor at eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars per annum, and the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per annum." And those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their ballots as follows: "Against the amendment to the Constitution fixing the salary of the Governor at eight thousand (\$8,000) dollars per annum, and the Lieutenant Governor at twenty-five hundred (\$2,500) dollars per annum." And the sum of one thousand (\$1,000) dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State of Texas not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication, proclamation and election.

[NOTE.—The enrolled bill shows that the foregoing act passed the Senate by the following vote, yeas 23, nays 7; and passed the House of Representatives by the following vote, yeas 92, nays 6.]